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Festive meet and greet with BWG council, from left, Councillors Peter Dykier Jr., Gary Baynes, Peter Ferragine, Mark Contois, Raj Sandhu, Deputy Mayor James Leduc, Councillor Gary Lamb and Mayor Rob Keffer at the Bradford Public Library on Dec. 15.

MIRIAM KING Bradford Times

Bradford West Willimbury council hosted an informal reception and holiday meet and greet at the Bradford Library on Dec. 15, just before the final council meeting of the year.

Residents new and old came out to enjoy refreshments, and chat with council representatives in a casual setting.

And when council convened later that evening, Councillors maintained the holiday spirit, and gave the community a gift of parking.

The town has received a number of complaints from

residents regarding onstreet parking restrictions, and the lack of communal parking places, as well as several requests for overnight onstreet parking permits.

A staff report proposed a number of options, to address parking issues.

Currently, all onstreet parking in the municipality is banned between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., from Nov. 1 to May 1 - with the exception of New Year's Eve. Manager of enforcement Brent Lee suggested Option 1 would involve changing the period of the ban, to Dec. 1 to April 1, "providing two extra months per year for onstreet parking"

Option 2 would per-

mit overnight parking in six municipally-owned parking lots - permission that was eliminated in 2014, when the parking bylaw was amended to ban parking in the lots between 11:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. Overnight parking, for up to 24 hours at a time, would be allowed in the parking lots at Lions Park, 31 Barrie St., Mary St., John St. West, Luxury Park, and the Bradford Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd.

Option 3 would designate 17 parking spaces at the north end of the BWG Leisure Centre Parking lot specifically for overnight parking by residents of nearby subdivisions.

Staff also considered an

Option 4, allowing residents to purchase on-street parking permits for overnight parking during the winter months - but did not support the proposal. As Lee noted, onstreet parking in winter "will have a direct impact on service levels relating to winter road maintenance... On narrow streets, allowing on-street overnight parking renders passage of snow clearing machines very difficult, if not impossible. This can lead to poor maintenance conditions on the roadway, making it difficult to traverse."

Councillor Gary Lamb supported Options 1-3, but said "I'm dead set against permits. It will just create another

department." He urged fellow councillors to look at downtown Toronto, where onstreet parking permits are issued. "It's a disaster, an absolute disaster."

Council voted to support Options 1 through 3. Although the bylaws will need to be amended, Lee told council that the changes can be in place before April 1, "essentially giving people that extra month right away." Costs are minimal, only involving signage for the designated overnight parking spaces at the leisure centre.

"It's a nice Christmas bonus to people," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc.

Council also voted to ask

staff to further investigate Option 4, the issuing of permits for onstreet parking, "because it's the one residents are asking about," said Councillor Gary Baynes.

The staff report noted that the town has received four requests for onstreet parking permits since Nov. 1 - but 36 requests for enforcement of the overnight parking ban. The report also warned, "there will be significant staff time incurred to develop and administer the parking permit system."

Lee pointed out that in a snow event, all permits become void, if snow removal or winter road maintenance are required.

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New South Simcoe police officers sworn in

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The library's Zima was packed with proud family members as three new South Simcoe police constables were sworn in, at the Dec. 14 meeting of the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board.

Tiago Capalao, Ranjit Singh Sandhu and Kyla Thurston took their oath of office, Justice J-J Douglas presiding, and received their warrant cards and badges from police chief Rick Beazley.

"This is a celebration night for the South Simcoe Police Service," said Chief Beazley. "We have three people who graduated from the Ontario Police College last week, after completing their 12-week training. 'We're swearing them in, in the

community."

It was all about "community policing," Tiago Capalao, a Holy Trinity Catholic High School grad who later studied at Seneca College, signed up as a volunteer auxiliary with South Simcoe in 2010, and was sworn in as a special constable in 2014.

Ranjit Sandhu was one of the first participants in the new Citizen's Police Academy, an introduction to policing offered by the South Simcoe Police, and became an auxiliary officer in 2013.

Kyla Thurston has combined an interest in policing with her love of sports, and in particular hockey, providing mentoring programs overseas, in both Turkey and Kazakhstan.

Justice Douglas noted that he has been swearing in new



Newly sworn-in constables with the South Simcoe Police Service - from left, Ranjit Singh Sandhu, Kyla Thurston, and Tiago Capalao.

officers for 17 years. "Look at our community. See how it's changed," the Justice said. "Look at our three officers here, and how they have changed" - and represent their community.

The evening also saw the promotion of Constable Leah Thomas, an 18-year veteran of policing, to Sergeant. Sgt. Thomas is currently working on a vulnerable persons registry for South Simcoe.

Police Briefs

Festive RIDE Program continues

On Dec. 9, South Simcoe Police were joined by members of the Barrie-Simcoe Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), stopping vehicles and educating drivers about the perils of impaired driving. Over 400 vehicles were stopped at two locations, and 12 roadside screening tests were conducted. Three drivers registered a WARN, and had their licences suspended for 3 days.

On Dec. 11, South Simcoe RIDE teams set up vehicle checks in various locations in Alcona, Innisfil. One team stopped a 31 year old Innisfil man who had been drinking. The man was under a Court Order from a previous impaired driving charge, to only operate a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device; when stopped, he was operating a friend's vehicle, which was not equipped with ignition interlock. The man was charged with contravening the court order, and his friend's vehicle was impounded for 7 days. A reminder: If you lend your vehicle to anyone, make sure they are legally allowed to drive. Officers checked a total of 415 vehicles, and performed 28 roadside screening tests. Two drivers registered a WARN

and received 3-day licence suspensions - and two drivers, one right after another, were arrested after officers detected an odor of alcohol on their breath, and roadside tests registered a fail. Further testing at the station resulted in a 40 year old Alcona male and a 53 year old Alcona male being charged with Over .080. Each had his vehicle impounded for 7 days, and received a 90 day administrative licence suspension.

On December 12, the focus was on Bradford, RIDE checkpoints were set up in various locations, and a total of 1,041 vehicles were stopped. Roadside tests were performed on 61 drivers who were suspected of drinking. Three drivers registered a WARN, were issued 3-day licence suspensions, and had their vehicles impounded. Two Novice drivers registered above a 0.0 Blood Alcohol Level; their licences were suspended and vehicles impounded. And a 31 year old Bradford man was charged with Possession of a controlled substance, after coming through the RIDE check with marijuana hidden in a metal canister.

Waste Management Information

Christmas & New Years



WASTE COLLECTIONS

Regular day:

Friday, December 25, 2015

Friday, January 1, 2016

Changing to:

Saturday, December 26, 2015

Saturday, January 2, 2016

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES HOURS

Waste facilities will be closed at noon:

Thursday, December 24, 2015

Waste facilities will be closed all day:

Friday, December 25, 2015

Saturday, December 26, 2015

Friday, January 1, 2016

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Point of View

Squeaky wheel government

The new Bradford West Gwillimbury Council prides itself on being responsive to its constituents.

For the first time, council has held CAN (Community Access Network) meetings, bringing residents and ward councillors together - and never have there been so many committees established, on topics ranging from arts and culture to active transportation, to hear the views of the public.

But they may be falling prey to the "squeaky wheel" syndrome.

The temptation is to respond to vocal complaints and issues brought forward in meetings of council, without asking for further clarification or a report from staff - to react emotionally to an issue, without looking at all of the ramifications.

A case in point: the decision to delete a number of properties from the BWG Heritage Committee's heritage registry, not because the properties don't belong on the list, but because homeowners objected.

It's a decision that flies in the face of the Ontario Heritage Act, provincial legislation designed specifically to enable councils to preserve important built heritage.

To be on the registry is not to be designated as a heritage site. That is a lengthy legal process that should be well-considered before proceeding, as it has consequences for both the municipality and the owners, and can be challenged. But listing only allows the town to delay an extra 30 days, in issuing a demolition permit, time that allows for compromise or consideration of designation - something that council can do anyway, whether or not a property is already on the registry.

Rather than responding with emotional comments about the rights of property owners, which in fact are in no way affected by listing in the registry - rather than summarily deciding a circa 1850 Georgian-style 3-over-3 Bay brick farmhouse with transom-and-sidelight entrance should be taken off the list - perhaps councillors should have waited until they had a more comfortable understanding of the issues, and scheduled a public information session to provide clarification.

Government can involve making difficult decisions for the greater good. Council can't hope to make everyone happy all of the time. And it shouldn't be the squeaky wheel that always gets the grease.



JAMES MARTIN/MIMPA

Glitiz and Glam make-overs and a fashion show, at Music In Motion Performing Arts studio in Bradford on Nov. 14.

Letters to the Editor

GLITZ 'N' GLAM AT MIMPA

To the editor: On Nov. 14, MIMPA was all a-sparkle, for its first Glitiz and Glam Day. More than 40 young girls were coiffed and styled by a team of professionals, before taking part in a photoshoot and Fashion Show in front of family and friends.

Many thanks to hairstylist Maria Botas, Heaven's Touch Makeup Artistry, for doing the girls' make-up, Carla Acevedo and Hope Martin for the manicures, Linda Williams for the flowers and gift bags, Dave Cummings and Jason Thomson for the photography, and Lydia Martin, for directing the day. Many thanks also to the Triple Threat students who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

It was a wonderful day at MIMPA. All proceeds from Glitiz and Glam Day will go towards MIMPA's Triple Threat team, who will be competing in Pennsylvania in April, and on Broadway in New York, in July. For more information about Music In Motion Performing Arts' Triple Threat Program call 905-778-0440 or email musicinmotion@sympatico.ca

MUSIC IN MOTION PERFORMING ARTS

LOSING A 'GEM'

To the editor: I am writing this letter because I am so upset that one of our "gem" businesses is closing its doors on Dec. 31, for good.

Dawn Bellamy and her staff at VideoQuest are so kind and friendly. For 25 years they have been providing above-and-beyond service - always a "hello" and "Have a good day" when entering and leaving the store.

They have done everything to try to stay open, but just can't do it any more. They are having a liquidation sale starting on Dec. 19. For those who have supported them, please come in and buy some movies or just drop by to say goodbye, and thanks for the memories. For those who haven't supported VideoQuest, come in and see what you have been missing, and you are losing: the personal service that you get from a family-run business. You won't get that from other movie sources.

Saturday nights will never be the same. No more Girls' Night Out to catch a movie at my house. We will miss you, VideoQuest. You've given me 25 years of happy Saturdays.

JACKIE PATTERSON
BRADFORD

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Council

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com.

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole

- Tues. Jan 19 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Rm

Board/Committee

Downtown Revitalization Committee

- Wed. Jan 6 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Rm

2015 Holiday Closure Notice

BWG Transit:

BWG Transit will NOT be running on December 25, 28 and during the day on January 1. FREE evening transit will be available on New Year's Eve (from December 31 at 5 p.m. until January 1 at 3 a.m.).

Town Administration Offices:

- The following will be closed from 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 24 until 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 4:
- Administration Main Office, Clerk's Office, Office of the CAO, Office of the Mayor - 100 Dissette St. Units 7&8
 - Engineering, Water and Public Works-305 Barrie St. Unit 2
 - Planning and Building - 3541 Line 11
 - Leisure Services Office - 125 Simcoe Rd.
 - Finance/Treasury - 61 Holland St. E

BWG Leisure Centre:

- December 24 - open 6:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- December 25 - CLOSED
- December 26 - open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- December 31 - open 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (open 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for Family First events only) January 1 - CLOSED

BWG Public Library:

- December 24 - open 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- December 25 & 26 - CLOSED
- December 31 - open 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- January 1 - CLOSED

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Request for Proposal
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BWG Transit



OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 17 @ 7-9 PM
(IN PLACE OF ZUMBA)

SURVIVE THE HOLIDAYS - Christmas Tree Safety

The holiday season is one of the most festive times of the year, but can also be one of the deadliest.

Follow these tips to keep your family and home safe this holiday season!

1. Buy a fresh tree and keep the base of the trunk in water at all times.
2. Check all lights before putting them on the tree and discard any that are damaged or old.
3. Be cautious with candles – use sturdy holders, keep them away from children and pets, don't place them near combustible materials (including the Christmas tree), and blow them out before leaving the room.
4. Avoid overloading circuits with multiple outlets. If additional outlets or circuits are required, have them installed by a licensed electrician.
5. Check all electrical and extension cords for fraying or nicks – an exposed wire can cause shock or fire.
6. Avoid running cords under rugs, which can damage the cord and cause fire.
7. Do not link extension cords together – use an extension cord that is long enough to do the job.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND PUBLIC MEETING ON A PROPOSED DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION, OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Sections 51(19.1), 51(20), 17(15), 22(6.1), 34 (10.4), 34(12), of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13

Take notice that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received the following applications:

Owner: Bond Head Properties Inc. c/o DG Group
Location: 3424, 3482, 3490 and 3550 Line 5
File Nos.: S-14-14, D08-15-03 and D14-15-16

And take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Zima Room of the BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland Street West, Bradford to consider a proposed draft plan of subdivision and proposed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 2010-060. Please note that there may be more than one public meeting and that the matter will be dealt with in the order that it appears on the agenda.

The proposed plan of subdivision proposes eight (8) development blocks for employments uses as well as blocks for environmental protection and infrastructure uses. The purpose and effect of the proposed Official Plan amendment would be to expand the area within Amendment No. 15 to the Town's Official Plan to reflect the boundary of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2008. The Zoning By-law amendment would implement standards for the proposed subdivision. The amendments would permit a range of employment uses. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed plan of subdivision, Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments. Written submissions regarding the proposal can be made to Ryan Windle, Manager of Community Planning, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning, 3541 Line 11, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, facsimile 905-778-4343, telephone 905-775-5366, ext. 1401 or email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

If you wish to be notified of Council's decision regarding the proposed plan of subdivision and amendments, you must submit a written request to Ryan Windle at the address shown in the paragraph above.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed plan of subdivision is approved, the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted or before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

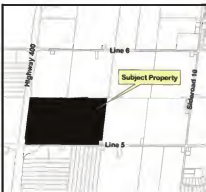
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed plan of subdivision is approved, the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted or before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Additional information regarding the proposal is available for public inspection Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm at the Office of Community Planning located at 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning, telephone 905-775-5366, ext. 1401, facsimile 905-778-4343 or email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 17th day of December, 2015.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



Contact Us: Phone: 905-775-5366
E-mail: admin@townofbwg.com

Someone to hug

SUBMITTED PHOTO

South Simcoe Police Records Clerk Sarah Long poses with "Eddie" - one of 72 stuffed animals donated by customers of Calendar Club at the Tanager Outlet Mall in Cookstown. The Calendar Club recently donated South Simcoe police with 72 stuffed animals to be handed out to children in need of comfort, at collision scenes or during incidents after a frightening experience. Explained Lorrie Moore, Manager of the Calendar Club, "Customers can purchase a stuffed toy that will then be donated to a local emergency services agency. It's a great way for people to help children in need, who may need a comforting friend after a traumatic event." South Simcoe Police has been handing out "stuffedies" since 1997, and thanked the Calendar Club for its support.



New Year's Eve at the legion

New Year's Eve at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St., features a fabulous roast beef dinner with assorted desserts, and great entertainment by The Newfie Chicks. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., entertainment at 8 p.m. Ring in the new year! Tickets are \$45 per person, \$80 per couple. Call Alice at 905-775-6245 or Dianne, 705-424-9378 - but hurry, tickets are going fast!

On Friday, Jan. 1, drop by the legion from 1 to 5 p.m. for the annual **President's Levee**, a social afternoon, with refreshments. Note: Friday Night Social Time and first-of-the-month karaoke are canceled on New Year's Day - the Friday Night Social, offering dinner for a modest fee, followed by music, camaraderie and karaoke, returns Jan. 8.

Bradford Legion hosts the **third annual Frank Loto Darts Tournament** on Saturday, Jan. 23. Registration begins at 10 a.m., only \$15 per person. Drop by the legion for more information.

Blood donor clinic

St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad, hosts a Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic on Tuesday, December 29, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This is a critical clinic - the

units of blood donated will boost the supply for New Year's, always a busy time in Ontario's hospitals. To book an appointment, call 1-888-2-DONATE. This holiday season, give the gift of life!



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone in Bradford West Gwillimbury!
We wish you all the best in 2016! Mayor Keffer and Council





Congratulations!

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bradford Residents Wendy and Terry Lapp are this year's grand prize winners. In the 2015 Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Welcome Home sweepstakes. They won the \$4.2 million Oakville Showhome, fully furnished – plus \$25,000 in cash, and Molly Maid Cleaning Services valued at \$5000. The winning ticket was drawn Dec. 3.

Family First Night celebrations

STAFF - New Year's Eve has become "First Night" - an alcohol-free family celebration, that lets kids enjoy the countdown to the new year, before their parents go out for the evening.

Bradford West Gwillimbury holds its **First Night Celebration** on Thursday, Dec. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. There will be free family swimming, free leisure skating, bouncy castles and strolling entertainment indoors in the gym, balloon animals and live music, and free hot chocolate. Indoor activities end at 8:30 p.m. Then the action shifts outdoors, where David Cavan Fraser and Special K will entertain in Sunshine Square, before the final fireworks display at 9 p.m.

Free fires on New Year's Eve

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be extending the hours of service of the BWG Transit system, and offering free rides on the buses in Bradford, from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. on New

Year's Eve, Dec. 31. Regular service operates from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and full fares will be in effect during regular hours. The Town will also permit

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'State-of-the-art' health care at Southlake Regional

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Electrophysiology is a relatively new field of cardiac medicine.

As Dr. Atul Verma, electrophysiologist and director of the heart rhythm program at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket noted, "Everyone knows about the 'plumbing' problems of the heart - the blockages. The electrical side is not that well known."

Many of the recent advances in the field were developed locally, by doctors at Southlake.

Over the past decade as a regional cardiac care centre, the hospital has built a team that has explored all aspects of heart arrhythmias - the "electrical" problems that can put the heart's pumping action at risk - and the array of "cutting-edge" technologies that can provide effective treatment.

The team worked closely with medical equipment manufacturers to develop truly world-class, "state-of-the-art" technology.

"They would bring us technology, and we would test it," said Dr. Zaev Wulffhart, electrophysiologist and physician leader of the regional cardiac program. "They actually brought us some technologies that could be used for

something else," but through the collaborative process, were found to work well to detect and treat arrhythmias.

Those technologies - integrating ultrasound with GPS mapping use of miniature implants to detect "sophisticated heart rhythm problems," and use of an integrated "MediGuide" computerized system that allows the physician to "see" areas inside the heart needing treatment, in high definition on a huge screen - are at the heart of three new Heart Rhythm Interventional/cardiac catheterization suites at the hospital, that opened Nov. 19.

Each suite is slightly different, allowing for a range of cardiac catheterization processes. "These rooms can be used to do open heart surgery, if needed," said Dr. Wulffhart. "They are versatile."

Physicians will be able to perform more than 700 electrophysiology procedures, and utilize over 1,000 implantable devices, in the new facilities - and also treat Atrial Fibrillation (AF), identified as a contributor to heart failure and a leading cause of hospitalization.

"The rooms that we have built and designed here represent truly state-of-the-art facilities for heart rhythm disorders... the latest and

greatest that is available on the market," added Dr. Verma, noting that Southlake is one of only 12 facilities to use the MediGuide system.

The benefits to patients are tremendous, Dr. Verma noted. Not only do the new suites make world-class therapies readily available to patients, close to home, "This new technology has been wonderful. We've seen a 95% reduction in x-ray exposure for patients and staff... (and) the sophistication of the images provided is far advanced over what we were able to do before."

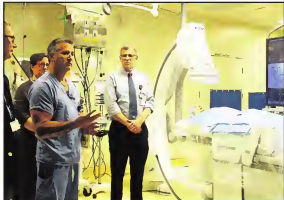
"For patients, it means safer procedures, less exposure to x-rays, and most importantly, better outcomes."

Procedures can take from half an hour, up to six hours; most patients can go home the same or next day.

Asked about the different lengths for different procedures, Dr. Wulffhart compared half-hour operations to travelling on Highway 400, where the route is obvious; longer operations to navigating sidestreets.

"The worst is like looking for a side street in the Bronx - and there's construction."

The minimally-invasive procedures minimize both recovery time, and length of stay.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Dr. Zaev Wulffhart, electrophysiologist and Physician Leader of the Regional Cardiac Care Program, describes the workings of the new Heart Rhythm Interventional Suites, to a group that included hospital CEO and President Dr. Dave Williams (right).

Ten years ago, noted hospital president and CEO, Dr. Dave Williams, "The only way clinicians could treat abnormal heart rhythms was with medication. Some of those medications had significant side effects." Southlake has led the way in developing new procedures that have revolutionized the field of electrophysiology.

"We wanted to make this the Mayo Clinic of the north - to attract the brightest and the best," said Dr. Wulffhart. "Our team did it. We came up with the vision of having a 'world best...' to prove we could do this in the community. That was our motivation, to allow our patients to get access, without going downtown to Toronto."

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Remembering the magic of Christmas

"Christmas was always an exciting time for me when I was growing up. When I was in elementary school, my family would always go to Christmas Eve service at church, and I would be in the Christmas play. The excitement of being at church (late at night) and the anticipation of Christmas morning always made it hard to get to sleep. When I was eight years old, I really wanted an electric train set, but I knew because

of the high cost of the sets in the Eaton's Catalogue, it might not be a realistic wish. Christmas morning, I was always an early riser – and this Christmas I was up at 4 a.m. When I went downstairs at 5:30 a.m. to go to the barn to milk the cows, I already had the set put together, with the locomotive pulling the coal car and two passenger

cars, and going around the oblong track at break-neck speed! It brings back the memory of the magic of Christmas." – Rob Keffer, Mayor

"Spending time with family and friends, and well-wishing neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Family getting together for Christmas dinner. We had turkey, and a wide variety of (Ukrainian dishes: cabbage rolls, perogies, Christmas bread. Plus getting the gift that I asked Santa for... I remember one year, my mom and dad looked everywhere for a toy tractor-trailer, called "Johnny Express", to buy one for me, but it was impossible to get it. On Christmas day, I got one under the Christmas tree from Santa Claus. What was interesting was that the truck I got was the display model that was in the store window, with all the pictures. I'll never forget it – the store owner gave the whole display to Santa to deliver!" – Peter Dykja Jr., Ward 7 Councillor

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A season of giving



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From left, BWG Events Group Rick Brooks, CAS Service Manager Tara Nazerli, BWEG members Matthew Martin, Marlene Brooks, and RiverEdge Dental Hygienist Adriana Steele. The BWG Events Group partnered with presenting Sponsor RiverEdge Dental to host its third annual Toy Drive for the Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County on Dec. 5, in the parking lot at Zehrs Market in Bradford. Response was nearly double that of last year, and the Group presented CAS Service Manager Tara Nazerli with 316 toys and \$215 in gift cards on Dec. 7.

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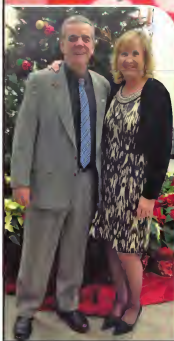


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Deputy Mayor

Remembering the magic of Christmas

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"When I was young, I can remember waking up on Christmas morning on the farm to the smell of turkey, that Mom had gotten up in the middle of the night to start—then anxiously waiting for Dad to get back in the house after the morning milking. We would sit in the living room, near the fully decorated Christmas Tree, and open—rip open, in my case—our presents. I was a bit of a negotiator even at an early age, back then, and did manage to convince my parents to let me and my Sister open one present each on Christmas Eve, but that was it. We had to wait until Christmas morning to open the rest. Thinking back, it wasn't so much about the presents, as it was about the great family atmosphere and memories." - Gary Baynes, Ward 2 Councillor

"My favourite memory... Spending time at our Grandparents' farm at Fennell's Corners. Skating, sledding, and for me, the most wonderful time was when we all had a sing-along around the piano. My great-aunt Lyliya would be at the piano with

my grandfather on the violin. This is where I got my love of music, and later on I accompanied my grandfather with my children, and then Great-Grandchildren joining in with the old familiar carols and Christmas favourites. I miss those days. They were what made Christmas special for me." - Nancy Culbert Young, Nancy's Nifty Nook.

"Growing up as a child in India, we enjoyed and celebrated many special holidays, religious and cultural. In our city, it did not matter who belonged to which religion—we celebrated each other's religious holidays with the same passion as we would our own. One of the holidays that I always looked forward to was Diwali. As kids, we would get gifts (usually clothes), lots of sweets and candies, and fireworks. Every house in our town would put up lights, and in the evening, all of our cousins and neighbours would gather round, to light up fireworks. Then we would sit around the big fire and just talk or play. My grandfather used to buy separate bundles of fireworks for us three brothers, spending an equal amount on us. I would make a deal with him, to get me

more clothes and less fireworks, because I would have just as much fun with my brothers' fireworks. Now that I look at Christmas, it brings back the memories of Diwali for me... I see the same happiness in my own daughter, nephews and nieces who look forward to Christmas. They like driving around neighbourhoods to enjoy the lights, the Christmas festivities, and wait patiently for their gifts. Sometimes I wish I could turn the clock back and relive those memories, but now I do that through the eyes of my kids. I see the same spark in my 10-year-old Simran's eyes that I think my grandfather would have seen in mine." - Raj Sandhu, Ward 1 Councillor

"Best Christmas memory—getting brand new Bauer skates when I was 10 years old. I played House League, in Sudbury—we kids used to play in the park. I never got brand new skates in my life. Then I made the MacIsaac Atom AAA hockey team.... A brand new pair of skates. Amazing! I was 10, and that was huge!" - James Leduc, Deputy Mayor

A visit from Sinterklaas



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Sinterklaas and his helper Zvarte Piet (Black Peter) dropped by Dutch Treats in Bradford, on Dec. 5, to hand out gingerbread treats, and share a Christmas tradition with shoppers. 95-year-old Ari Moor, Lorna, sitting on Sinterklaas' lap, helper Zvarte Piet, and Frank Jonkman Sr. are pictured. Dutch Treats, 15 Holland St. East, specializes in giftware from Canada, Europe and especially the Netherlands, Deli meats and cheeses—including pre-made party trays, and wonderful stocking stuffers that range from Chocolate Letters, to Marzipan Herrings, British toffee and sweets, licorice, gingerbread, and more. One of the highlights of the visit of St. Nicholas was the arrival of Moor, who led Sinterklaas, Zvarte Piet and Frank Jonkman Sr. in singing a Christmas song—in Dutch.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Everyone!



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Artists' holiday show

Bradford Fine Artists host their fifth annual holiday show, upstairs at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road, on Friday, Dec. 18. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of

live acoustic music, dance, visual arts and photography, including a sale of works. Tickets are \$10 at the door; proceeds will support local artists. This is an all-ages event; there will be a cash bar for ages 19 and older.



Grade 12 student Hailey, with her photos exploring body image, at Bradford District High School's Arts Night.

Arts Night at Bradford High

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

At Bradford District High School, "art matters."

That was the theme of the annual Arts Night at BDHS, Dec. 10 - an evening of visual arts, art installations, music, dance and drama, that was also a fundraiser for arts programs at the Bradford school.

A temporary gallery was set up in the cafeteria, where works on display ranged from black and white pen and ink drawings to explorations in colour; from realism and portraiture to the abstract.

This year, photography was well-represented, and included some of the most impactful work.

Grade 12 student Hailey created a striking series of black and white photos, inspired both by her history class at BDHS, and her studies in "Body Positivity," positive body image.

"At the time, we were stud-



ying Hellenistic art" - looking at the ideals of beauty as embodied in ancient Greek sculpture, she says. "So I took the beauty standards of that era, statues of Greek gods, and combined them with less than perfect body images - that are unacceptable in our society, that are overweight, with body hair"

The resulting images were challenging, yet beautiful - and haunting.

On stage, dancers performed, drama students entertained, and student bands played before the standing room only audience. It was an evening showcasing young talent, that confirmed "art is important... art matters."

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In the spirit of the season... BRIDG Night in Bradford

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

This holiday season is all about giving.

Just ask the approximately 200 people who turned out for "BRIDG Night" – an evening of fundraising organized by Bradford's Refugee Inter-Denominational Group, raising money to bring the family of Al and Marijke Al Shetwe and their nine children from a Lebanese refugee camp, to the Bradford area.

BRIDG, made up of six local churches and their volunteers, put together an evening of food, music and a silent auction, December 11 at the Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic church's parish hall, to raise funds for the private sponsorship effort.

"There are atrocities in the Middle East that have caused millions to flee," said Joe Matys. "Tonight is about opening our hearts, but more importantly, opening our pockets."

Special speakers included Mayor Rob Keffer and Deputy Mayor James Leduc, who talked of the caring, compassionate and multicultural community that is Bradford West Gwillimbury; and Inuit Mayor Gord Wauchope, representing Sim-

coe County Warden Gerry Marshall. "I'm extremely humbled by the response of the residents of Simcoe County," Wauchope said, but added, "Given our history of acceptance... I'm not surprised by the humanitarian response."

Keenan spoke of the fear and horror created by the actions of groups like Isis, the sense of powerlessness that has led to a backlash. "As you can see tonight, we do have power. We can say no to the darkness and the hate that they proclaim," and to the "public discourse that can turn fear into hate... The world doesn't need any more of that." The evening turned into a celebration of hope and community, with Amelia DePiero singing "This is my Temporary Home," and "No one is Alone." United Church minister Paul Bumbale and the group Bon Accord also entertained, performing seasonal music of hope and joy.

Refugees make great citizens, she added. "Things we take for granted, they do not. They don't

know they can drink the water from the tap. They don't know they can go out at night, safely – there's no curfew – but they learn quickly."

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Singer Amelia DePiero sings 'No one is Alone,' at the BRIDG Night fundraiser for a Syrian refugee family, in Bradford on Friday.

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And, Lashley said, "The more successful we are at welcoming them, the more quickly they will be giving back." Frankie "Flowers" Ferragine, best-selling author, garden expert and weatherman

on Breakfast Television shared his take on the potential contributions of newcomers to Canada. The Ferragine family came to Canada in 1956 – Tony Ferragine, and brothers Len and Peter.

"They came here with nothing, looking for a better life," Ferragine said. "What they found is a great community, a great family." The Ferragine family now numbers more than 200 in the Bradford West Gwillimbury, running businesses that include Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, Riga Farms, Bianchi's Auto, Ferragine Greenhouses, L & D Ferragine in the Holland Marsh. He concluded, Bradford West Gwillimbury will offer newcomers "whatever they want," helping to build future leaders of the community. "Welcome home!"

Ferragine offered a special live auction item for the fundraising evening: a trip for four to Breakfast Television, to meet behind the scenes and meet the team, enjoy breakfast at the famous Senator diner, and sit in on a taping of CityLine. The experience sold for \$700.

Other live auction donations

– a 14 karat white gold cross donated by Peter Dyke Jewellery, and theatre tickets, raised an additional \$425, on top of the Silent Auction, donation jars and ticket sales.

In all, the event raised over \$6,000, and donations continue to come in, said Rev. Keenan. "It was a very successful event, in terms of our goal of fundraising, and I think it was a very good event in terms of bringing the Bradford West Gwillimbury Community together."

Volunteers have also been gathering donations of clothing, furniture and appliances for the Al Shetwe family. As for housing, a developer has turned over the keys to the former Mercy House, where the family will be able to reside free of charge, as they learn English, attend school, and receive training and support from their new community.

"It's ongoing. We're going to make sure the new family can get their feet planted very firmly," said Keenan.

For more information, or to learn more about supporting the refugees, contact Jim Keenan at 905-751-5335 or email revkeenan@gmail.com

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Christmas Decorating, with Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

There's a good reason that Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery is known as "the" place for Christmas décor.

It's not just the greenhouses filled with Poinsettias, in classic Christmas colours of red and green, or burgundy, white, pink and variegated – or the magnificently decorated Christmas trees, guaranteed to inspire, that are scattered throughout the retail area.

It's not even the Christmas balls, "picks", Elves and Santas, the collectible Christmas villages, cut Christmas trees and greenery that are available to shoppers.

It's the willingness of staff to share decorating tips, techniques, and advice.

Bradford Greenhouses held a series of Christmas decorating workshops, on everything from making Christmas wreaths, to creating Christmas table décor. There was even a Kids' Workshop, teaching kids to make "Grinch Trees" – small "trees" bent over by the weight of a "grinch" Christmas ball (and wired into



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Variegated Poinsettias, at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery in Bradford on Saturdays.

place), decorated with tinsel, balls and bells.

Christmas Urns

Bradford Greenhouses has a large selection of ready-made urn fillers, that beautifully combine greenery, Christmas balls, berries, and red and/or white birch twigs, but you can always create your own. To extend the life of your urn arrangement, use artificial berries and leaves, and remember to re-seal and recycle. Old worn-out artificial trees can be used for the greenery,

natural pine cones and birch twigs can be collected and used year after year.

And get creative. Why not insert a bird house or bird feeder into your urn? Or use a wrought iron tomato cage or trellis as the basis of your design; it can always be reused, come summer.

Festive Tables

If you don't have festive dishware especially designed for Christmas, choose a colour scheme that complements the plates you intend to use – and perk up the table with placecards, chargers (those large platters that sit underneath the plates and add color and pizzazz), and a centerpiece in your choice of colours.

Mirrors, set underneath wine glasses or candles, add extra "bling" to the table. Jars can be decorated with a ribbon and berries, and fill it with brightly-coloured candles. Greenery, ribbons and candles add so much to the table "landscape."

Candy cane cookies and Christmas salads

Candy Cane Cookies

Pre-heat oven to 375°F

Mix together:

- 1 cup butter (or ½ cup each butter and shortening)
- 1 cup sifted icing sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. Vanilla.

In another bowl, mix together and stir into the above: P 2 and ½ cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp. salt

Divide the dough in half. To one half add Red food colouring. Roll a 4" strip (about 1 tsp. of dough) from each colour; for smooth, even strips, roll back and forth on lightly floured board. Place the strips side by side, press lightly together, and twist like rope. Complete each cookie, one at a time.

Place on ungreased baking sheet or lined with parchment paper. Curve the top to form the handle of the "candy cane." Bake about 9 minutes, until lightly browned. While still warm, remove from baking sheet with a spatula and sprinkle with a mixture of crushed candy cane and white sugar, or use red sugar sprinkles.

Note: Use gluten-free flour to make these cookies gluten-free.

Recipe courtesy of Nancy Young, Nancy's Nifty Nook. "This recipe brings back wonderful memories of when our children were young and we made these cookies together."

Christmas Pinwheels

A savoury hors d'oeuvre in red, white and green!

1 (170 g) package dried sweetened cranberries

1 (250 g) container spreadable cream cheese

1 cup crumbled feta cheese

¼ cup chopped green onion

4 large flour tortillas – with sundried tomato for "red" or spinach, for "green".

Combine all ingredients except tortillas. Mix well. Divide and spread the mixture evenly among the tortillas. Roll up tightly, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. To serve, cut into 12 slices.

Looking for more "substance"? Add a slice of turkey, before rolling up the tortillas.

Recipe shared by www.joeykillam.com



Cranberry pinwheels. From www.joeykillam.com

Christmas Salad

5 oz. fresh spinach (half a 10 oz. bag)

¼ cup chopped celery

¼ cup dried cranberries

1 can (15 oz.) mandarin oranges

1 large Granny Smith apple

1 tsp. Lemon juice

1/3 cup pecans

Optional: Feta cheese

For the dressing, combine:

4 tsp olive oil or vegetable oil

2 tsp apple cider vinegar

2 tsp white wine vinegar

2 tsp white sugar or to taste

1/8 tsp each of paprika and onion powder

1 tsp poppyseeds

Recipe and photo shared by Facebook site, Metamorphosis

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Christmas Bird Count for Kids

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority hosts its third annual Christmas Bird Count for Kids on Sunday, Dec. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 - Line 8 in Essa Twp. This is a fun, family-friendly bird-watching event that collects data for a scientific bird count.

The count begins with a mini-workshop on bird identification, followed by a guided hike led by experts from the Breton Field Naturalists through the Tiffin Forest. Data collected will be submitted to Bird Studies Canada, and included in the National Christmas Bird Count for Kids database.

Pre-register by Dec. 23 at www.nvca.org, click on Events & Education. All ages are invited; parental supervision required. A \$5 registration fee includes parking and hot chocolate.

And for adults, from Dec. 14 to Jan. 5, 2016, Christmas Bird Counts will be taking place across Ontario - an important tool in tracking biodiversity and monitoring the status of resident and migratory birds across the western hemisphere.

Local Naturalists' clubs organizing (adult) Christmas Bird Counts this winter include:

- **Breton Naturalists Club** in the Berrie Area, Dec. 19. Contact Chris Evans, 705-722-1136 for details.

- **South Lake Simcoe Naturalists**, in the Sutton area on Dec. 27. Contact Paul Harpley, 905-722-8021.

- **York Simcoe Naturalists**, in the Bradford West Gwillimbury area on Jan. 2, 2016. Contact Bruce Wilson, bwilson@gmail.com

Je Suis Hijabi, in Bradford

In light of the recent terror attacks in Paris, and subsequent hate attacks on Muslim women around the world, Canadian Muslim women have launched a national awareness campaign to help Canadians better understand Muslim women's identity.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada has launched a national campaign titled, *#JeSuisHijabi* to highlight the Canadian values of multiculturalism, plurality and tolerance. *#JeSuisHijabi* invites Canadians to attend public workshops, events and special programs across Canada with Muslim women, who will talk about their faith and identity.

There will be an Interfaith Symposium in Brrie, on Dec. 18, at the Army Navy and Air Force Club, 7 George St. from 5 to 8 p.m., titled "Religion: Pathway to Peace?" Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., to hear the views of religious representatives, followed by a question and answer session, refreshments and exhibits. To RSVP, contact anoushah@hotmail.com.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Ahmadiyya community is hosting *#JeSuisHijabi* events on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the community corner of the BWG Leisure Centre, and on Sunday, Dec. 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Atrium of the BWG Public Library. The event will include displays, Henna painting - and an opportunity to try on Hijab, and speak with Muslim women.

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Maia & Associates, a financial services solution

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

It was personal experience that led Pedro Maia into a career as a financial security advisor. He was, he says, inspired by "my parents - the lack of support they had. My dad got Parkinson's at the age of 48, and the lack of support from his 'financial planner' was frustrating."

To access benefits, "they had to hunt, they had to chase - they had to do all the legwork."

It was then that he decided to offer a different kind of financial service - one that would be based on customer service, and personalized solutions for his clients. One that would make his advisors accessible and available, by phone and in-person, when they were needed.

The result was Maia & Associates, a company founded in 2005 that offers a full range of customized financial solutions, including estate plan-

ning, investments and insurance, through his three offices in Toronto, Streetsville, and Bradford.

Maia did more: he customized his services specifically for Canada's multicultural society. Initially offering services in English and Portuguese - he is a popular guest on Portuguese Radio shows, and on Portuguese television.

Maia & Associates now also offers services in French, Italian, Cantonese and Mandarin.

"We're in the ethnic markets," Maia says. "We figured out very early that there's a lack... They just want somebody to be there, somebody that will take the time to educate, to tell them 'This is what an investment portfolio is'."

The Bradford office at 13 John St. West was opened two years ago because Maia knew people in the area, and "played with Bradford FC!"

The original opening was quiet, mostly through word-of-mouth, but now Maia &



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MPP for York-Simcoe, Julia Munro congratulates Maia & Associates - from left, managing director Fabrizio Gallucci, founder Pedro M. Maia, and associate Alexandre Sousa - at the grand opening of the office on Dec. 4.

Associates is raising its profile in the community. Maia joined long-time employee Alexandre Sousa, a Bradford resident, and managing director Fabrizio Gallucci on Dec. 4, at the official grand opening of the Bradford office.

MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro attended the opening, praising the company for its specialized approach. "People don't have financial literacy - they don't feel confident in who they should go to," Munro said. "I'm welcoming

you on behalf of those people who need your service." She was joined by Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffler and members of council, who congratulated Maia & Associates on its success to date.

In addition to the three existing offices, Maia does business across Ontario, and "shortly will be opening offices in Leamington, London and Kingston." A Montreal office is also in the works.

Pedro Maia won a prestigious Portuguese-Canadian Business Award in 2012, and has used the success of his business to "give back to the community," in Peel Region by raising funds for Peel Memorial Hospital, in Toronto through toy drives and support for community clubs. The company has also supported Autism research, the Cancer Society and the Hospital for Sick Children, and offers an annual \$2500 scholarship.

"We get very, very involved in the community," Maia said. "If we can give back, that's everything."

Maia & Associates, 13 John St. West in Bradford, 1-855-282-MAIA (6242) or alexandre@maiaandassociates.ca.



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Celebrating the first anniversary of Metro King Realty, from left - broker-in-chief Iftikhar Ahmad, BNG Mayor Rob Keffler, MP Peter Van Loan, Nurat Awan, Munawar Chaudhry and Councillor Raj Sandhu, with family, friends, colleagues and supporters.

Celebrating a milestone

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

A first birthday is a special occasion.

Just ask Iftikhar Ahmad, broker of record, and partners Nurat Awan and Munawar Chaudhry, who celebrated the first anniversary of Metro King Realty Inc. on Dec. 13.

It was one year ago that Iftikhar brought the concept of "one-stop shopping" in real estate to Bradford. The Metro King Realty works with the Khurana Law firm, Ideal Home Inspection, Abdoal Gafour Sun Life Financial and various financial institutions, to offer customers a complete package, under one roof, and simplify the purchase of a home.

"The concept of one-stop

shopping," said Iftikhar, "is very successful, and helpful for saving money and time for our esteemed clients." Joining Metro King Realty for the celebration was Iftikhar's family, friends and colleagues, MP Peter Van Loan and Mayor Rob Keffler, Deputy Mayor James Leduc, and Councillors Gary Baynes and Raj Sandhu.

"It doesn't seem like it's been a year," said Van Loan, "but the most encouraging thing is that you're still here. The first year is the most difficult for small business. You're not only still here, you're growing!" The offices, at 113 Holland St. West, have been expanded and updated, to provide a more professional environment for the company and a

growing number of agents. Mayor Keffler added his congratulations, noting that Metro King Realty has been built on reputable and reliable customer service.

"We're hoping this will become one of the strongest brokerages in Bradford," said new partner Nurat Awan.

The celebration included refreshments, and cake in Metro King colours - red, white and blue - by Silville from Sweet Dreams. To share its success, Metro King Realty also gave away a free listing, to a lucky Bradford client.

Metro King Realty Inc. is located at 113 Holland St. West, www.metrokingrealty.com; call 416-671-3861 or 905-895-2882, or contact info@metrokingrealty.com.

Wrap it up for CONTACT community services



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CONTACT Community Services is offering a gift-wrapping service at Tanger Outlet Mall near Cookstown. From Dec. 18 to 24, volunteers will be located at the gift-wrapping station between Coach and Guess (at entrance 2), wrapping gifts using a selection of more than 15 wrapping papers, ribbons and gift tags, for a donation to CONTACT. The wrapping service will start at 2 p.m. on Fridays; on all other days, wrappers will be at work from 10 a.m. to closing. The goal is to raise funds for CONTACT, a non-profit charitable organization that connects people to vital services and supports in their community, including housing and employment. For more information or to volunteer call 705-435-4900 or email care@contactoutletsmc.ca. Volunteers will also be selling Mariame Broome-inspired limited edition hand-crafted Christmas ornaments for \$15.

BWG Minor Hockey results

PEEWEE LOCAL LEAGUE

Dec. 9, Bradford #2 - 5, Oak Ridge #2 - 3. Goals by Tristan Milekai (unassisted), Benny Gentle from Shawn Bezarski, and a hat trick by Aiden Morby, with assists from Milekai, Bezarski and Luis Faria.

Dec. 12, Bradford #2 - 1, NobleKing #2 - 1. Lone goal by Peter Hoyd from Owen Dale and Shawn Bezarski.

MINOR BANTAM REP

Dec. 5, Bradford Bulldogs, sponsored by Mumford Solutions/Roddie Saunders-Century 21/Weekend Hockey Tournaments - 3, Innisfil -

1. Scoring by Ryan Jensen from Tyler Mumford; Jackson Carruthers from Thomas King and Cole Takacs; and King from Jack Peterke.

Dec. 6, Bradford - 5, Markham - 2. Scoring by Thomas King with a pair, singles by Caleb Booth, Tyler Mumford and Cole Takacs, on assists from Ryan Jensen, Mumford, Westin Torrie, Noah Miranda, Takacs (2), Adam Chabot, and Owen Hodgson (2), in a decisive team effort.

Dec. 9, Barrie - 5, Bradford - 3. Scoring by Jackson

Carruthers with a pair, one from William Bishop, the other unassisted. Single by Ryan Jensen from Cole Takacs and Tyler Mumford.

Dec. 12, East Gwillimbury - 3, Bradford - 2, in a heartbreaker. Goals by Jackson Carruthers from Jake Crane; and Ryan Jensen from Carruthers.

Dec. 13, East Gwill - 4, Bradford - 2. Goals by Jackson Carruthers from Owen Hodgson; and Ryan Jensen from Caleb Booth. Super goaltending by Caleb Garbe and Ryan Kiernan.

Merry Christmas, from the Minor Atoms



The Minor Atom "A" Bradford Bulldogs spent Saturday, Dec. 5, giving back to their community. At their Christmas party this year, the team got together, and each kid purchased a \$20 gift from Walmart. They then met up with school officer, Constable Rob Enright from the South Simcoe Police, and stuffed the presents into his cruiser, to be delivered to the Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County. The CAS will be helping more than 800 families in need this holiday season. After the presentation, and a lesson on how to be a Police Officer, team members and their families enjoyed lunch at Don Cherry's Sports Grill. Special thanks to PC Enright, Don Cherry's in Bradford for donating lunch for the players, and to Switzer-Carty Transportation and Tom the bus driver, for donating the bus and his time to safely drive the kids to all of their destinations that day. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Bradford Bulldogs Minor Atoms.

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The Battle of the Gwillimburies took place Dec. 12-13, pitting Bradford West Gwillimbury Bulldogs vs. East Gwillimbury Eagles - and Bradford's Minor Peevee A team was undeclared.

Game 1, Dec. 12, Bradford - 10, East Gwill - 2. Scoring by Paul Rikis, Davis Frederick, Anthony Nascimento and Gianmarco Brunni with a pair apiece, singles by Tanner Hueglin and Jeremiah Oake.

Assists to Frederick (2), Christian Campoli (2), Tanner Hueglin (3), Paul Blair (2), Matthew Boughner, Darcy Mott (2), Isaiah Drummond and Anthony Girgenti. Superb goaltending by Matthew Amari.

Game 2, Dec. 13, Bradford - 5, East Gwill - 1. Goals by Tanner Hueglin with a pair, singles by Evan Drummond, Paul Rikis and Nathan Pa. Assists to Matthew Boughner, Jacob Sanelli,

Hueglin, Christian Campoli, Anthony Nascimento and Davis Frederick. Excellent netminding from Ryan Somerville.

More was at stake than a trophy. A challenge had been issued between the Minors of East and Bradford West Gwillimbury, that the loser would wear the winner's jersey. East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Jackson is expected to wear the Bulldogs' jersey at a future event.



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PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK NEWMARKET SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at the Newmarket Srs. Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive, 7-9 p.m. Potluck dessert table; in lieu of a gift exchange, please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank. All welcome. For info, call 905-895-1975.

FRI., DEC. 18

BRADFORD FINE ARTS' HOLIDAY SHOW: Opens at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of live acoustic music, dance, Visual Arts, Photography, Admission \$10 at the door. Will go to support local artists. Sale of works. All ages event, also, cash bar for 19+.

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS FOREST: Dec. 18, 19 and 20 at the Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Dr. Crafts, activities, treats for the family, including a horse-drawn wagon ride and visit to Santa's Workshop, \$25 adults, \$18 children. Reservations required: 416-667-6295 or see www.kortright.org

SAT., DEC. 19

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF
St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church is hosting another fundraising **Peregory Dinner** on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. Enjoy dinner of peregories, sausage, salad, dessert, tea or coffee for only \$10, \$12 or \$14 (for small, medium or large dinners). Side orders of sausage, cabbage rolls or borscht are also available. Tickets at the door – a fundraiser for the church – which is undergoing extensive renovations.

"Coffee, Chocolate and Caroling," a great evening of Christmas music, on the theme, "Christmas Wishes" – at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 Sideroad 10 in Bradford on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. All welcome.

Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, hosts **Lessons & Carols** and a **Christmas Pageant** on

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: Performance by the Huronia Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m. at Innisfil Community Centre, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd., with special guest, The Alcona Glen School Choir. For tickets see Huronia-symphony.ca or call 705-721-4752.

#JESUSHLAB: The Ahmadiyya Muslim women's group of Bradford West Gwillimby is hosting a #Jesushlab event at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and again at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West on Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Free Henna Painting, displays, and an opportunity to try on Hijab, and speak with Muslim women about its cultural, religious and personal meaning.

PREGORY DINNER: St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, hosts another fundraising dinner, 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. Peregories, sausage, salad, dessert, tea

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or coffee for only \$10 - \$12 - \$14 (for small, medium, or large dinners). Side orders of Cabbage Rolls, sausage and borscht are available. Tickets at the door – a fundraiser for the church which is being renovated!

YODELIN' CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 18-year-old Yodeling Cowgirl, Naomi Bostow will perform a Christmas Concert, with local band Front Porch Harmony, at Trinity United Church in Beeton, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person; call 905-729-2836 or 905-778-9597.

SUN., DEC. 20

CAROLLING AT THE MCMICHAEL: At the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg, 1:30 p.m., with Hugh Barrett and the Carrying Place Trail Ensemble. Free with gallery admission.

COFFEE, CHOCOLATE AND CAROLS: Christmas music, on the theme, Christmas Wishes,

Christmas Eucharist at 10:30 a.m., with Holy Communion, Christmas Scriptures, and Carols with flute and Saxophone.

St. John's Presbyterian Church **Christmas Eve Service**, on Dec. 24 at 7

at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad, Bradford, 7 p.m. All welcome.

LESSONS & CAROLS, AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: At Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, at 7 p.m. Celebrity readers, carols and a pageant - all welcome.

THURS., DEC. 24

LIVE NATIVITY PAGEANT: Presented by the Town of Newmarket and Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket, Dec. 23 at 7 and 8 p.m., and Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. only. Outdoor pageant with live animals; dress for the weather.

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER: Free, for families and individuals who have no-one else, are on fixed income, far from home or lonely, at Innisfil Community Church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd. at 6 p.m. RSVP at 705-436-1611 by Dec. 18.

p.m., at 2940 Sideroad 10 in Bradford.

Christmas Eve Family Service: Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at Gilford United, 7:30 p.m. at Churchill United. Also, Midnight Service at 11 p.m. at Churchill United Church.

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Gifts from the golf tourney

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF
Sutton Group Realtor Robin Evans runs an Invitational Charity Golf Tournament every year - one of the first in the area established to raise funds for local charities, and groups that include The War Amps.

And despite shaky economic times, competition from other golf tournaments for sponsorship and support, Evans' tourney still manages to raise about \$20,000 each year, to be distributed among the various benefiting groups.

On March 14, Evans and Richard Boileau, mortgage agent with Real Mortgage Associates, presented a

total of \$9,000 in donations - \$5,000 to The War Amps, which assists amputees and operates the CHAMP child amputee program; and \$4,000 to Bradford's Helping Hand Food Bank Inc., just in time for Christmas.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the food bank were volunteers Alvin Belanger and Trevor Myers. The War Amps was represented by Melissa Muller.

The golf tourney has had continued success, despite "difficult" times. "The economy is hard, but people - they still come," said Boileau, making the donations possible.



From right, Deputy Mayor James Leduc, mortgage agent Richard Boileau and tourney founder Robin Evans, holding his granddaughter Audrey, present \$5000 to The War Amps rep Melissa Muller, as Jake DeBruyn of Molson looks on.

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Obituaries

REILLY, Raymond - (Member of Toronto Symphony Orchestra and National Ballet of Canada Orchestra) Peacefully passed away at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Ray Reilly of Bradford at 82 years of age. Beloved husband of Bambi for 45 years. Loving dad of Grant (Sarah) and John (Katie). Proud grandpa of Jade, Daniel, Rachel; Miles and Lennon. A celebration of Ray's life will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. at Holy Marys of Japan Parish Hall, 187 Essex St., Bradford. In Ray's memory donations to the Cardiac Unit at Southlake Regional Health Centre would be appreciated.



Obituaries

FARLEY, Ronald Melford - January 6, 1930 - December 4, 2015
It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our loved one, Ron. Loving husband of Andria (Sindair) for 57 years. Beloved father of Sharon (Frank), Beth (Pam) and Paul (Franca). Cherished grandfather of Emily, Jordan, Max, Zack, Luke, Justine and Miranda. Fondly remembered by stepbrother Alan (Bibi) Boomer of Kelowna, stepsister Bev Boomer of Peterborough, and brother-in-law Bud Sindair and his family of Ottawa. Ron will be dearly missed by extended family and friends, many of whom he met while at The University of Western Ontario, Knights of The Round Table, Kodak Camera, Don Coffey Ford and Spay Masonic Lodge, Beeton. Ron loved being with people and enjoyed nothing more than to spend time with those he loved. He was devoted to his family and a loyal friend to many. Special thanks to Dr. Alan Ward for his many years of great care and to several caregivers, especially Dr. Allison Hanson, nurse Kelly and PSW Clara who gave in house care, allowing Ron to pass peacefully at home. Thanks also to ROD ABRAMS FUNERAL HOME for their care and assistance. As per Ron's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 12:45pm at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1816 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, Ontario with visitation starting at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ron's memory to South Lake Hospital, Cardiac department, Newmarket or a charity of your choice. Close to our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered everyday.
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VideoQuest... The end of an era

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

It's the end of an era, in more ways than one.

On Thursday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. VideoQuest will stop operation as a movie rental and sales outlet; on Dec. 19, the doors will reopen and the remaining stock will be liquidated. The doors will close for good on Dec. 31.

After 25 years in business, owner Dawn Bellamy and her family are bowing to the inevitable. They survived two recessions, weathered the arrival (and departure) of Blockbuster. They even weathered the arrival of Netflix, by lowering prices

and offering superlative customer service, and Redbox, with its \$1.50 DVD rentals. "Luckily, they packed up and went home," Dawn Bellamy says.

But with streaming services, and Android Box offering free access, there is nothing left for a brick-and-mortar movie rental store.

Dawn sent out a letter to customers - to 'friends,' as she put it. She wrote, "Through 25 years in business we have met so many wonderful people. We've said hello to you as babies and watched you grow up, only to bring your own children in, to experience what going to the videotore was

all about..."

"Remember when going to get a movie was an experience? Walking down the aisles as a family, arguing over what movie to get, talking with a complete stranger about how great one was, asking us for a recommendation because you just didn't know what to get, and the smell of the popcorn that filled the store?"

Something to think about, when streaming the latest movie online, she notes - but Dawn and her family are by no means bitter about the winds of change that have swept them from the retail scene. Her letter ends, "Thank you, Brad-

ford. Thank you for giving our family 25 amazing years of friendship we will never forget. In case we don't see you, good afternoon, good evening, and good night."

For store employee Shelby Molyneux, it's also the end of an era. "I've been coming here since I was three, and then I got to work here - I was so excited," she says, remembering. "Every Friday, I'd come in with my dad and my sister. We'd grab a bag of M&Ms and two movies. So much fun!"

Now, she wonders what will take the place of VideoQuest - "It's one of the last fun family things in Bradford."



After 25 years, VideoQuest is closing its doors in Bradford.

The view from Paris

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

Eight years ago, Jonathan Scott - then a student at Bradford District High School - was in Europe for a Global Young Leaders Conference.

Now studying law at Cardiff University in Wales, Scott has been in Paris for the past two weeks, attending COP21, the UN Climate Change Conference - not as a student, but as an observer.

"I'm there as a part of the International Federation of Liberal Youth," Scott said in a telephone interview on Dec. 7. He is also representing a "smorgasbord of clients" through his consulting business, acting as their "eyes and ears, and reporting back." The plenary sessions may be closed to him, but Scott is more interested in the behind-the-scenes events, the connections and secondary conversations, "little snippets, the gossip in the cafes," that capture the tenor of the meetings "outside of the day to day political news conferences."

He has been collecting insights, and sharing them with clients that include the grassroots environmental organization, Georgian Bay Foundation, from the open mic night for coastal and island poets, writing about rising waters and the erosion of their coastlines, to the comments of Canadian Green Party leader Elizabeth May, "really emotional about how the change in government in Canada has meant that other

nations aren't angry with us any more."

Scott has had a sense that, if there are still disagreements and concerns over phraseology, at least all nations are "rolling in the same direction."

One real shocker: foot-dragging by the U.S. Delegation, trying to insert clauses on "intergenerational equity" to delay a response to climate change, came under fire from China.

"Of all countries, it was the Chinese who said, 'If you do that we might as well go home and end the conference,'" Scott said, noting that there is a feeling that nations don't just want an agreement, they want efficacious solutions. There is, he said, "The real sense that this is real - what the hell are we going to do about it?"

Canada's approach has been reconciling with European nations, Scott suggested. It's not just the "we're back" message; with the commitment of billions of dollars to island nations facing rising waters, there is a feeling that the new Canadian government "is taking it seriously. They're putting some meat on the bone." And the "Team Canada" approach, bringing not only federal but also provincial premiers and even municipal mayors to the table, is seen as an effective approach "that really resonates with Europeans, especially in Britain and France."

Scott posted essays and reports to his clients, and to

several monthly magazines during the conference, and plans to make a number of presentations in January, when he returns to Canada, through his company, Jonathan Scott Consulting. Scott was providing consultations even before he launched his business, which counts several Canadian politicians, at least one British politician, a number of companies and non-profit groups as clients.

In Canada, he worked as a speech writer for Ontario Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne, then with Key Gordon Communications, the advertising agency that lists Wynne, David Suzuki, Adam Vaughan and numerous NGOs among its clients, as a PR consultant. During the summer, he also worked on three winning political campaigns in York Region, and started his own consulting business after deciding, "why not go the extra step and formalize the thing?"

Scott chose Cardiff while in his third year at the University of Toronto, because of its specialities in law and journalism - both areas of interest. His studies focus on media law and intellectual property law, which also ties in with his consulting work. "It's a good mix of regulations, in the broadest sense, and public relations," Scott explained. "I can do what I know I can do well, and be uniquely valuable to my clients."

Scott has also been a way to bolster his finances while



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Jonathan Scott in front of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, during the COP21 UN Conference on Climate Change. In Paris, France earlier this month.

in Wales, at a time when the Canadian dollar is at a ten-year low - and although most of his clients are Canadian, he noted, "when you're working in Communications and Digital media, it doesn't matter where you are."

But being in Europe, at this time, has given him a front row seat at the COP21 Cli-

mate Change Conference.

"This agreement was, in many respects, the easy part, but it is still a sizeable achievement," he said at the end of the conference. "Having Canada as a positive player at the table really was change for the better." That said, this agreement needs to be the beginning on a path to

a better future. There is a lot more work to do to come up with Canada's plan to enact our new international obligations.

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